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Grand procession marks Kempegowda Jayanti

Adichunchanagiri Mysuru Branch Mutt Seer Sri Somanatha Swamiji, Chamaraja MLA K. Harishgowda, Krishnaraja MLA T.S. Srivatsa, former MLAs M.K. Somashekar and L. Nagendra, former MP Prathap Simha and others, seen during the launch of the procession organised as part of 517th Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Jayanti celebrations, at Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple premises, Mysore Palace North Gate, in city this morning.

Mysuru, June 27 (BLU&BS)- A colourful procession, reminiscent of the Dasara *Jumboo Savari,* marked the 517th Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Jayanti celebrations in Mysuru city this morning.

The procession, organised by the District Administration in association with the Department of Kannada and Culture and the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC), was flagged off by Chamaraja MLA K. Harishgowda from the Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple premises near the North Gate of Mysore Palace. Adichunchanagiri Mutt Mysuru Branch Seer Sri Somanatha Swamiji was present on the occasion.

Flower-decked chariots carrying the statues of Nadaprabhu Kempegowda and the late Adichunchanagiri Pontiff Sri Balagangadharanatha Swamiji were among the major attractions.

Five tableaux depicting the history of the Vokkaliga community and the Ganga Dynasty of Talakad, dating from 300 BC to 1000 AD, also formed part of the procession.

The bursting of firecrackers along the route added to the festive atmosphere.

(See JAYANTI on page 9)

Damaged lamp posts fade K.R. Circle's glow

Mysuru, June 27 (GA& VNS)- K.R. Circle, one of Mysuru's most iconic heritage landmarks, is showing signs of neglect, with damaged heritage-style lamp shades and exposed electrical wiring marring its appearance and raising safety concerns.

Named after the visionary Maharaja Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar, the circle is regarded as the heart of the city and is a major landmark frequented by tourists and residents alike. It is also a popular location for photography and pre-wedding shoots. However, several lamp shades on heritage-style light poles surrounding the circle have been damaged and remain unreplaced, affecting the aesthetic appeal of the landmark. In addition, exposed electrical wires have been left unattended, posing a potential hazard to visitors.

(See LAMP on page 7)

Lake Festival begins

Visitors at the Kukkarahalli Lake taking a look at the photographs on display as part of the Lake Festival this morning.

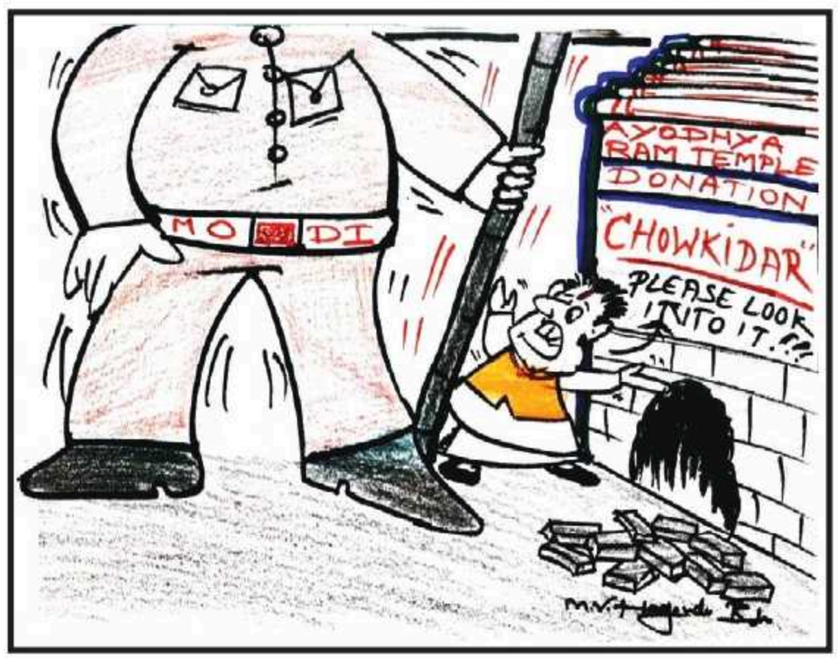
Mysuru, June 27 (MTY&BCT)- Mysuru's iconic Kukkarahalli Lake and the historic Dewan Purnaiah Canal were the focus of the opening day of the two-day *Kukkarahalli Kere Habba-2026* this morning with environmentalists, academicians and citizens calling for urgent measures to conserve the city's natural water systems.

The event featured bird watching, tree walk, exhibition, a signature campaign. Around 600 morning walkers visited the exhibition today.

(See LAKE on page 9)

BABU'S BANTER

By M.V. Nagendra Babu



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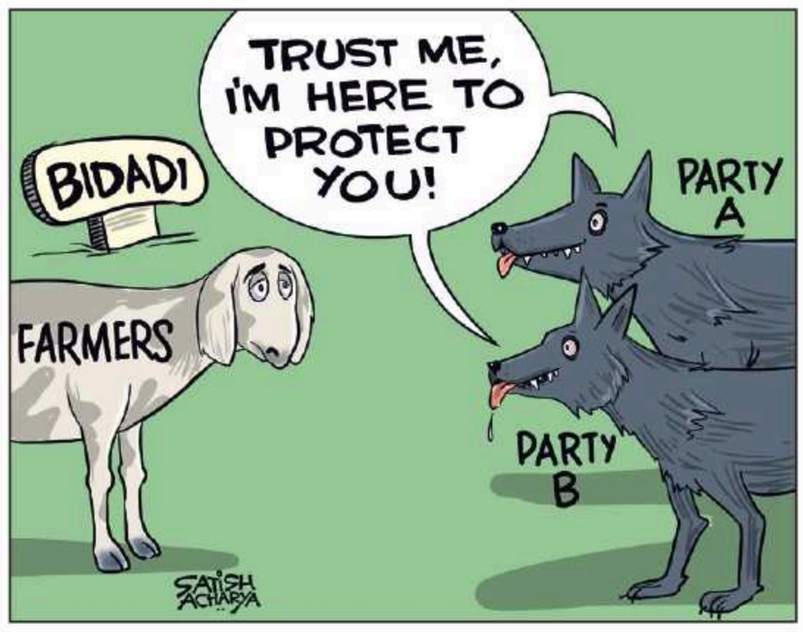
STAR PUNCH

By Satish Acharya



EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

ALL CONVEY THE SAME TRUTH: ***Sri Kesava Vajapeya Swamy said in a discourse that the Vedas contain the*** *Karma Kanda* ***(rituals and duties) and the*** *Jnana Kanda* ***(spiritual knowledge). However,*** *Bhakti* ***(devotion) is hidden within them. Just as the river Sarasvathī flows invisibly beneath the confluence at Prayag, devotion remains concealed within the*** *Vedas. Karma* ***and knowledge without devotion are incomplete and do not yield their highest benefit.***

The *Bhagavad Gita* ***teaches that spiritual knowledge and devotion do not bear fruit unless one engages in righteous action. Following the scriptural duties prescribed by the*** *Vedas* ***removes sins and purifies the individual.***

The *Vedas* ***describe many*** *samskaras* ***(sacraments). Since elaborate*** *Vedic* ***sacrifices are beyond the capability of most people in this*** *yuga,* ***ordinary devotees are encouraged to engage in*** *nama sankirtana* ***— the chanting of the divine names of God. Daily disciplines and rituals help control the senses and keep a person on the righteous path. Such practices contribute not only to personal spiritual growth but also to*** *loka kshema* ***— the welfare of the entire world. Ramanuja taught that for ordinary people, simply walking to a temple and worshipping the Lord with devotion is equivalent to performing a*** *yajna.* ***Sage Vyasa taught through the*** *Bhagavata Purana* ***that listening to the glories of the Lord*** *(sravanam)* ***itself is a form of*** *yajna.* ***Andal emphasised devotion through singing the Lord's names and contemplating Him with the mind: "Sing with the mouth and meditate with the mind." The*** *Vedas,* ***the*** *Bhagavad Gita,* ***the*** *Bhagavata Purana,* ***the*** *Ramayana,* ***the Azhwars and the great Acharyas all convey the same truth.***— *In The Hindu*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Woman allergic to almost everything

Somerset: A woman has revealed she can only eat 25 foods as her body keeps developing new allergies. Kate Hegan, 22, spends each day worrying it'll be her last as her body keeps developing new allergies.

Kate from Somerset, said: "Currently, I can only eat around 25 foods without my life being on the line. And it's not just food that my body reacts to; it's even my own hormones, bodily processes, smells and temperature changes. Now, it's our sofa. I'm trying to live as normally as possible, with caution, but with every meal, everything I do, I'm so scared."

She currently takes 15 medications a day to help reduce the severity of the attacks, as well as paying £1,000-per-month for antibody injections.

'World's fastest pizza maker'

Virginia: The manager of a Domino's pizzeria in Virginia earned the title of the "World's Fastest Pizza Maker" when he assembled three large pies in 31.22 seconds.

Manassas resident Richard Delcid claimed the top spot at the Domino's World Fastest Pizza Making Competition in Las Vegas, earning $5,000 in prize money, a trophy and a championship belt.

The finalists at the May 13 competition were required to make three large pizzas: one pepperoni, one mushroom and one cheese. Delcid's pizzas passed an inspection examining how well he hand-stretched the dough, spread the sauce and distributed the toppings, earning him the title with a time of 31.22 seconds.

"Winning this title means so much to me," Delcid said in a news release. "This competition isn't just about speed — it's about delivering quality under pressure, just like we do in stores every day..."

HEALTH CAPSULE

Water is the Original Detox Drink

Fancy detoxes come and go. Your kidneys are the real detox experts—just give them enough water to do their job.

By Dr. Vipin Kaverappa - Consultant Nephrologist & Kidney Transplant Physician - Manipal Hospitals Mysore

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**** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature***

Calling SC students to avail scholarship

Mysuru, June 27- The Social Welfare Department has invited online applications from eligible SC community students studying in Post-Matric courses such as PUC, Diploma, ITI, Degree, Post-Graduate degree, Nursing, Engineering and other professional courses for availing student scholarship (2026-27).

SC community students whose parents' annual income does not exceed Rs. 2.5 lakh are eligible to apply. The eligible students are required to apply through the State student scholarship portal *ssp.postmatric.karnataka.gov.in,* before Jan. 31, 2027. Prior to applying, the students should verify their original documents in respect of Aadhaar seeding, college details, course details and NSP OTR validation.

For more details, visit the Department Office located in Dr. Babu Jagjivanram Bhavan, Adipampa Road, Vontikoppal East, Paduvarahalli, Mysuru-12 or contact Ph: 0821-2520910 or Mob: 88804-21982, according to a press release.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM	KABINI DAM	HARANGI DAM
Maximum **124.80 feet (49.452 tmcft)**	Maximum **2,284 feet (19.52 tmcft)**	Maximum **2,859 feet (3.15064 tmcft)**
Today's level **81.05 feet (11.256 tmcft)**	Today's level **2,253.17 feet (4.99 tmcft)**	Today's level **2,826.32 feet (2.40017 tmcft)**
Last year's level **121.00 feet**	Last year's level **2,279.33 feet**	Last year's level **2,850.84 feet**
Yesterday's level **81.04 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,253.25 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,826.11 feet**
Today's Inflow **573 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **129 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **338 cusecs**
Today's Outflow **433 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **350 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **180 cusecs**

REALLY...?

- ***Whales love to "breach" (jump high out of the water) and splash their tails. Scientists think they do this to communicate, clean off their skin, or just to have fun.***
- ***Humpback whales can grow up to 16 metres long. They weigh the same as 8 elephants, they travel 10,000 kilometres every year and they sleep by resting half their brain at a time — this is called logging.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

An English teacher asked her class to write an essay on what they'd do if they had a million dollars. 5 minutes before the bell, Bob handed in a blank sheet of paper. *"Bob!"* ***yelled the teacher.*** *"You've done nothing. Why?"* ***Bob:*** *Because if I had a million dollars, that's exactly what I would do!"*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= **Rs. 94.40**
1 UK Pound	= **Rs. 124.57**
1 UAE Dirham	= **Rs. 25.70**
1 Euro	= **Rs. 107.49**

VOICE OF THE READER

Beyond Hebbal Lake: Civic responsibility holds key

Sir,

The article, ***'Troubled Waters - Hebbal Lake's restoration success story loses its way,'*** is an eye-opener and rightly draws attention to the deteriorating condition of Hebbal Lake.

While the authorities must take timely corrective measures, we as citizens must also introspect. After all, it is not the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) that throws plastic and garbage into our lakes and along our roads. It is we, the people.

Every year, volunteers, NGOs, educational institutions and industries spend countless hours cleaning lakes and public spaces, only to see their efforts undone within days by irresponsible dumping.

The MCC repeatedly appeals through its garbage collection vehicles for households to segregate waste, yet many people conveniently throw garbage on roadsides while commuting to work, markets or schools.

Instead of organising clean-up drives only on occasions like World Environment Day, our focus should shift towards creating lasting behavioural change.

Environmental awareness must begin in schools so that children, in turn, educate their families. Social media, newspapers, television and even cinema theatres should actively promote civic responsibility.

Whether it is our lakes, Chamundi Hill, public places, tourist destinations or even the Ring Road, cleanliness is everyone's responsibility.

Let us first practise good civic habits ourselves and inspire others to do the same. Lasting environmental change will not come merely through the efforts of volunteers, NGOs or government agencies — it begins with each one of us taking responsibility for our actions.

—M.R. Pradeep

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Sankramana shifts Mysuru Dasara *Kambala* dates

To be held on Oct. 18 and 19; Entry free; Event to cost Rs. 5 crore - Rs. 8 crore

Mysuru, June 27 (MTY&BCT)- The much-awaited Mysuru Dasara *Kambala*, to be held as part of this year's *Nada Habba*, has been rescheduled to Oct. 18 and 19 (Sunday and Monday).

The event was originally slated for Oct. 17 and 18 (Saturday and Sunday) to enable greater public participation. However, the dates were revised after officials pointed out that Oct. 17 coincides with *Cauvery Sankramana (Tula Sankramana)*, when traditional customs prohibit the use of bulls for racing.

The revised schedule was finalised at a meeting held yesterday evening. Entry to the event will be free for the public.

The two-day event will be organised on a sprawling 23-acre Mysuru Development Authority (MDA) site at Sathagalli on Outer Ring Road, near VTU campus.

Preparations for the *Kambala* are expected to begin well in advance, with the construction of the race track alone taking nearly three months.

Kambala is not just a sport but a celebration of our cultural heritage. We are committed to making Mysuru Dasara *Kambala* a grand success," said Kambala Committee Chairman and Puttur MLA Ashok Kumar Rai.

The site will first be consecrated with rituals and special prayers to Goddess Shakthi before work commences. To ensure an adequate water supply for the track, three to four borewells will be dug. The race track will be prepared using local soil, sand and M-sand.

Apart from the traditional buffalo races, the event will feature cultural programmes and a food festival showcasing a variety of local and coastal delicacies. The estimated cost of organising Mysuru Dasara *Kambala* is between Rs. 5 crore & Rs. 8 crore.

Mysuru SP inaugurates Young Indians Parliament

Mysuru, June 27- The two-day Young Indians Parliament (YIP 2026), organised by Young Indians (Yi), Mysuru, an initiative of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), one of its flagship national initiatives aimed at nurturing responsible, informed and future-ready leaders through experiential parliamentary learning, was inaugurated by Mysuru SP Mallikarjun Baladandi here on Friday in the presence of Young Indians members, school principals, teachers, jury members and student delegates.

The Chapter Round witnessed enthusiastic participation of over 150 students from 13 leading schools across Mysuru, who came together to experience democracy through structured parliamentary debates, discussions, policy-making and legislative simulations.

The participating schools included Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, DAV Public School, Excel Public School, Geetha Bharathi School of Excellence, JSS Public School, Mahajana Public School, Manasarowar Pushkarini Vidyashrama, NPS International School, Pragathi Elite Public School, Rotary School, Nanjangud, Sri Sharada Public School, St. Joseph's Central School and Orchid Public School.

Addressing the gathering, Mallikarjun Baladandi appreciated Young Indians for creating a platform that introduces students to the values of democracy, responsible citizenship and leadership at a young age.

He encouraged the participants to develop the habit of informed thinking, disciplined dialogue, respect for diverse opinions and active civic participation, emphasising that India's future depends on well-informed, ethical and responsible youth.

Speaking on the occasion, Priyanka Sridhar, Chair, Young Indians Mysuru, highlighted that Young Indians Parliament is much more than a competition — it is a platform that nurtures leadership, confidence, critical thinking, constitutional awareness, and public speaking among students.

She said Yi Mysuru is hosting not only the Chapter Round but also the Regional Round, reflecting the chapter's growing strength, capability, and commitment towards youth leadership and nation-building.

The event witnessed remarkable enthusiasm from the student delegates, whose confidence, preparation, and passion transformed the simulated parliamentary proceedings into a vibrant exchange of ideas.

The competition was evaluated by an eminent jury comprising Advocate Lokesh, Advocate Jagadeesh, Advocate Sushmitha and Advocate Monish, who assessed the participants on their parliamentary conduct, communication skills, content, leadership qualities and overall effectiveness in debate.

The inaugural session was attended by Charan Kashyap, Chair - Thalir Vertical; N. Sukrutha, Co-Chair - Thalir Vertical and B.G. Amruth, Chair - Innovation Vertical, Young Indians Mysuru.

The proceedings were moderated by Maria Andrews and Raksha. The valedictory session will be held later today.

Awards ceremony at Daksha on June 28

Mysuru, June 27- Atmashree Kannada Cultural Foundation has organised an awards presentation ceremony at Daksha College auditorium in Hootagalli, Mysuru, on June 28 at 2.30 pm.

Dr. C.P. Krishnakumar (CPK), renowned litterateur and recipient of Pampa Award and Dr. P. Jayachandra Raju, Chairman of the Daksha Group of Educational Institutions, will be honoured with "Nadakeerthi Award" while writer and organiser T. Satish Javaregowda will receive the "Kannada Ratna Award," said Foundation President Dr. Gunavanta Manju.

Dr. Nagaraj V. Bairy, District President of Karnataka Sugama Sangeetha Parishat, will inaugurate. Senior writer S. Akbar Pasha will preside. B.R. Hiremath, Deputy Commissioner of Excise Department, Mandya, will be present.

Dr. Krishnakumar *Dr. Jayachandra* *Satish Javaregowda*

The chief guests include film actress Bhoomika, singer Jayanthi Bhat, PDO K.S. Satish Kumar, National Award-winning retired teacher Gowdaiah, Secretary of Daksha College Sonia Umapathi, Principal M. Abhishek and progressive farmer Puttaswamygowda.

On the occasion, students of Daksha College will present their views on Artificial Intelligence (AI). Various achievers from different fields will also be honoured with awards, including "Nari Shakti Award."

Following the ceremony, the short film "Anuraga," directed by Dr. Gunavanta Manju, will be screened. The film highlights the importance of parents in the Indian family system and emphasises the values they impart in life.

NEWS BRIEFS

Power Disruption

As Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) has taken up underground cable laying works at 66/11 KV Rajivnagar Power Distribution Centre (Surya Feeder), power supply will be disrupted on June 27, 29 & 30 and July 2 & 4 between 10 am and 6 pm in the following areas: Empire Layout, Christian Colony, Nagarajappa Layout, Surya Narayana Temple, Quba Masjid and surrounding areas, according to a press release from the Executive Engineer, CESC, N.R. Mohalla Division.

Yoga Day celebrations

The Acme School, Mysuru, will be celebrating the 12th International Day of Yoga (IDY) at its premises in Nivedithanagar tomorrow (June 28) at 7 am. Dr. Hari Ganesh will be the guest of honour. School Chairman Dr. C. Sharath Kumar will be present, according to a press release.

Gravel-strewn roads claim 122 lives in three years

Mysuru, June 27 (MK&BS)- Unregulated dumping of construction materials on city roads continues to cause fatal and non-fatal accidents, even as authorities appear to look the other way. Data available with the Traffic Police reveals that loose gravel, sand and other construction debris left on roads have contributed to 212 accidents over the past three years, claiming 122 lives and leaving 111 riders grievously injured and 164 sustaining minor injuries.

With the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) and various Government agencies undertaking road and civic works across the city, freshly laid roads are frequently dug up for repairs, utility works and patchwork.

Gravel, M-Sand dumped

Gravel, M-Sand and other materials are often dumped on roadsides for these works. However, once the work is completed, leftover construction material is frequently abandoned on the road, posing a serious threat to motorists.

In many places, trenches are loosely covered with concrete and gravel, while loose stones spill onto the carriageway, making the surface slippery. Unaware of the hazard, two-wheeler riders often lose control after skidding on the gravel and sand, resulting in injuries and, in several cases, fatalities.

Such hazardous stretches can be seen near JC Wadiyar Circle (Hardinge Circle), Moulana Abul Kalam Azad Circle (Highway Circle), Jodi Tenginamara Road, Sahukar Chennaiah Road in T.K. Layout, Yadavagiri, Ta.Ra. Su Circle near Akashvani Mysuru, Ambarish Road in Hebbal, Vani Vilas Road near the Mysuru Law Courts Complex, KRS Road near Sri Jayadeva Hospital, Kumbarakoppal and several other localities.

Adding to the problem are tractors and goods vehicles carrying sand, bricks and gravel. Though tractors are primarily meant for agricultural purposes, many are used to transport construction materials. Overloaded vehicles often spill sand and gravel onto roads, further endangering commuters.

While negligence on the part of civic agencies and enforcement authorities is frequently blamed for the situation, road users too must exercise caution.

In self-accident cases involving two-wheelers, compensation is often limited to riders covered under personal accident insurance. Third-party insurance generally does not provide compensation to the deceased rider's family in such cases.

Public must question authorities

Assistant Commissioner of Police (ACP-Traffic) M. Shivashankar said that apart from the Police and the media, few agencies appear to be actively working towards public safety.

"The Police have even stepped in to fill potholes and clear gravel from roads. Repeated representations to the concerned departments have yielded little response, forcing us to perform duties that are essentially civic in nature. It sometimes feels as though we belong to two different systems of governance. While we continue to enforce traffic rules against tippers and tractors, the public too must develop the habit of questioning the authorities," he added.

Who answers for deaths caused by loose gravel on roads?

When contacted for his response, MCC Commissioner Shaikh Tanveer Asif appeared reluctant to comment.

"I cannot answer every query, as we too are bound by time constraints. I have worked in other districts as well, but the number of calls I receive from *Star of Mysore* and *Mysuru Mithra* is much higher," he said.

However, the larger question remains unanswered: If a two-wheeler rider skids on loose gravel left scattered on the road and suffers serious or fatal injuries, who will be held accountable? Roads across the city have been dug up and left in unsafe condition in the name of development, often with little regard for monsoon season or public safety. Citizens have a right to know which agency is responsible for addressing these hazards and preventing avoidable accidents. It is incumbent upon the civic authorities and the MCC Commissioner to provide answers and ensure accountability.

RTO (West) launches banner campaign for pending fine collection

Transport Department announces 50 percent rebate on fines

District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Chairperson and Principal District & Sessions Judge Usha Rani, who released banner announcing 50 percent discount on DSA fines, on Thursday at her office in Mysuru Law Court Complex, is seen with DLSA Member-Secretary and Senior Civil Judge Nagaraj Siddappa Ankasadoddi, RTO (West) Superintendents Shivakumar and Manohar, FDA M.R. Ravi and others.

Mysuru, June 27 (PM&VNS)- The Regional Transport Office (RTO)-West, in association with District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), released the banner announcing 50 percent rebate in fines on Department Statutory Action (DSA) on Thursday.

The banner was released by DLSA Chairperson and Principal District and Session Judge Usha Rani at her office in the Mysuru Law Court Complex on Krishnaraja Boulevard.

Speaking on the occasion, Judge Usha Rani said that the Department had announced 50 percent rebate in the fines related to DSA cases under the Motor Vehicle Act connected to the State Transport Department.

Fine amounts can be paid directly at the RTO (West) till July 10. Banner, released to create public awareness, will be displayed at various locations in the city, she added.

RTO (West) Vasanth Eshwar Chauhan, who spoke on the occasion, said, while there were no pending cases connected to RTO (West) between 1991 and 1998, a total of 3,740 cases were pending between 1998 and 2022.

"Under 50 percent discount scheme, we have collected Rs. 1.64 lakh from 47 cases. We are expecting to collect more fine amount. The Department has already created awareness through various associations, institutions and vehicle owners in addition to putting up banners at various locations," he added.

DLSA Member-Secretary and Senior Civil Judge Nagaraj Siddappa Ankasadoddi, RTO (West) Superintendents Shivakumar and Manohar, FDA M.R. Ravi and others were present.

Panic Button, VLTD sold at inflated price

Transport operators say authorised companies are charging above Government-approved rates

Mysuru, June 27 (BLU&BS)- Even as the State Government has fixed rates for the installation of Panic Buttons and Vehicle Location Tracking Devices (VLTDs) in public service vehicles, transport operators have alleged that authorised vendors are charging well above the prescribed prices.

The installation of Panic Buttons and VLTDs, also known as GPS-based tracking devices, was made mandatory under the Centre's Nirbhaya Project, launched following the 2012 Delhi gang rape and murder case.

The Supreme Court had directed the Government to strengthen passenger safety by equipping all public service vehicles, including cabs, passenger buses and goods vehicles, with these devices.

Mandatory installation

To enforce the mandate, Regional Transport Offices (RTOs) have made the installation of Panic Buttons and VLTDs compulsory for obtaining Fitness Certificates (FCs) and National Permits.

The State Government has authorised 12 companies to install the devices and has fixed rates based on vehicle type and seating capacity.

The approved prices are Rs. 8,199 for four-seater cabs, Rs. 8,849 for six-seater cabs and seven-seater maxi cabs, Rs. 9,174 for 12-seater vehicles, Rs.

Panic Button and VLTD

9,499 for 21-seater buses, Rs. 11,124 for 50-seater buses and Rs. 7,549 for goods vehicles.

Overcharging allegations

Prashanth

However, Mysuru District Lorry Owners Association Joint Secretary Prashanth Pereira alleged that operators are being forced to pay around Rs. 9,000 even for vehicles where the Government-approved price is lower.

"Installation of the VLTD has become mandatory for obtaining National Permits. If operators question the higher charges, they risk delays that affect their business. Left with no alternative, they end up paying the additional amount," he said.

He also alleged that there is no effective mechanism to monitor the pricing adopted by the authorised companies. According to transport operators, complaints to the RTOs about overcharging have yielded little response, with officials reportedly maintaining that pricing issues are beyond their jurisdiction.

Action against erring companies

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, Additional Transport Commissioner Mallikarjun Chindula said, strict action would be initiated against any authorised company found overcharging vehicle operators.

He said, the installation of Panic Buttons and VLTDs became mandatory in 2024. While about 2.72 lakh vehicles have installed the devices so far, nearly 6 lakh vehicles are yet to comply.

12,000 vehicles disconnected GPS

Chindula further revealed that GPS devices installed in about 12,000 vehicles had been deliberately disconnected, apparently to avoid Government tracking. Efforts are underway to identify such vehicles and initiate action, he said.

The Additional Transport Commissioner said that the Transport Department's Control Room receives nearly 800 panic button alerts every day, all of which are forwarded to the Police for verification.

Of these, only about 60 complaints are found to be genuine, leading to timely assistance for those in distress. Most of the remaining alerts turn out to be false alarms, often triggered by schoolchildren pressing the panic button for fun while travelling in buses, he added.

Bandipur, Nagarahole safaris to fully resume

Bengaluru, June 27 (KMS& BCT)- The Karnataka Government has decided to resume safari operations in Bandipur and Nagarahole Tiger Reserves fully.

In a press statement, Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar (DKS) said that the decision was based on recommendations from experts and Forest Department officials following a detailed technical study.

The Government has accepted the Committee's report, which included a scientific assessment of the carrying capacity of both Tiger Reserves.

With the Committee's report endorsing the resumption of safari operations, the Government has given the green signal to reopen jungle safaris in the two protected areas.

The Chief Minister said that Karnataka has immense potential for eco-tourism and that the State is committed to promoting sustainable tourism while ensuring the conservation of its rich wildlife and forest ecosystems.

T. Narasipur doctor dies by suicide

Halaguru, June 27 (BCT)- A young doctor from Mysuru died by suicide by consuming poison in the Muthathi forest.

Dr. Rakshith

The deceased has been identified as Dr. Rakshith (28), son of Surendra, a resident of Makanahalli village in T. Narasipur taluk. He was running a private clinic at Kesthur village in Maddur taluk.

According to the Police, Dr. Rakshith had been missing since Tuesday. His mother, Annapurnamma, had filed a missing person complaint at the Kesthur Police Station.

On Friday morning, his motorcycle was found abandoned near the Forest Department Guest House at Muthathi, prompting the Police to launch a search operation.

Later, his body was found inside the forest.

Unidentified body found

Mysuru, June 27 (KS)- Krishnaraja (KR) Police have found a decomposed body of a man at the parking area atop Chamundi Hill and have registered a case. The deceased is aged between 45 and 50 years, 5.6 ft. tall and was wearing a white coloured full arm shirt and white dhoti.

Youth dies at KR Hospital

A youth, who was found lying sick near Nanjumalige Circle in K.R. Mohalla and admitted to K.R. Hospital by Krishnaraja (KR) Police, has died at the hospital due to chronic malnutrition.

The deceased youth is Narayana. He is aged about 28 years, 5.6 ft. tall, light brown complexioned, lean built, oval faced, has the name 'Chitena' and alphabet 'R' tattooed on his right arm.

The kith and kin of the deceased persons, if any, may contact KR Police Station on Ph: 0821-2418319/ 519 or Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2418339, according to a press release from the Police.

PFA conducts health camp for horses in Mysuru, Srirangapatna

Mysuru, June 27 (BCT)- People For Animals (PFA), Mysuru, in collaboration with the World Veterinary Service (WVS), Ooty, conducted a two-day equine health and vaccination camp for working horses in Mysuru city and Srirangapatna on June 24 and 25.

The camp was led by PFA Veterinary Officer Dr. Kiran, assisted by clinical staff Ratan and Mahendra, along with a WVS team headed by Dr. Sumanth.

On the first day, veterinary teams treated sick horses in Mysuru city, administered Tetanus Toxoid (TT) vaccinations, carried out deworming and distributed mineral and vitamin supplements to improve the animals' immunity and nutritional status.

The second day's camp in Srirangapatna focused on treating horses suffering from abscesses and maggot-infested wounds. The team also continued TT vaccination, deworming and nutritional supplementation for the animals.

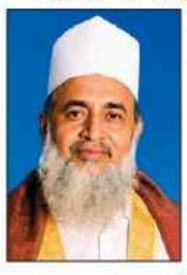
According to PFA, the initiative aimed at preventing tetanus, reducing parasitic infections and improving the overall health and welfare of working horses in the region.

The organisation said the collaborative effort helped enhance the body condition and well-being of the equines through timely treatment and preventive veterinary care.

Obituary

Hazarath Moulana Syed Mukhtar Ahmed Sha Liyaqati

Mysuru, June 27- Sufi Saint Hazarath Moulana Syed Mukhtar Ahmed Sha Liyaqati (Noori Baba), Chairman, Sufi Foundation, Mysuru and a resident of #393, 11th Cross, Shanthinagar, passed away yesterday while he was performing imamath at Masjid Noorani, Ramanagar. He was 61.



He is survived by his wife, 3 daughters, 2 sons, grandchildren, devotees and a host of relatives and friends.

Namaz-e-Janaza was performed today after Zohar Salath at Masjid-e-Azam Markaz Ahle Sunnath-wal-Jamath, Ashoka Road, Mysuru, followed by burial.

K. Doreswamy

K. Doreswamy (65), a resident of Alanahalli Layout, Mysuru, passed away yesterday due to illness.

He leaves behind his wife Sumithra, sons D. Sridhar and D. Mahesh and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at the burial grounds in Alanahalli this afternoon, according to family sources.

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Vikram Muthanna

Uncivil Services, Social-boycott needed

Three days ago, news broke of an Enforcement Directorate (ED) raid on the residence of an Additional Excise Commissioner.

Almost at the same time, a bureaucrat's wife on her Instagram page posted her pics carrying a designer handbag that probably cost half of her husband's annual salary.

For a fleeting moment, I was envious and muttered, *"I wish I were a bureaucrat or at least married one."*

My wife, sitting beside me, didn't miss a beat. *"Maybe, I should have married one."* She said with a sigh. Ouch!

Just as my pride was dipping, she added, *"But then, I would have to be shameless."*

That, in one sentence, captured the tragedy of modern India. Corruption no longer hides in shame. It flaunts itself with no sense of shame, guilt or regret.

A decade ago, you wouldn't catch a Government Officer's wife or children showing off or flaunting the spoils of their husband's or father's corruption.

Back then, they felt that if people saw them flaunting their ill-gotten wealth, they would be judged and possibly treated as pariahs. Shame acted as a deterrent.

Today, shame is non-existent in these people's lives. Today, families of corrupt officials proudly display luxury cars, designer wardrobes, exotic holidays and lavish homes on Instagram and Facebook as though they are lifestyle influencers rather than beneficiaries of public theft.

Among politicians and bureaucrats, corruption today has become a family enterprise. The officer signs the files. The son becomes the fixer. The son-in-law becomes the consultant.

The wife, siblings and relatives become the custodians of *'benami'* assets. Everyone has a role. Everyone gets a share.

Kautilya observed this human weakness over two thousand years ago in the *Arthashastra:*

"Just as one cannot help tasting honey or poison placed on the tongue, so a Government servant dealing with public money cannot help but taste it."

But Kautilya imagined officials taking an occasional lick. Today's corrupt officials don't merely taste the honey; they empty the entire jar and then invoice the taxpayer for a new one.

It is often said that politicians teach bureaucrats corruption. I suspect the reverse is true. Politicians come and go every five years. A civil servant enjoys three decades inside the system, mastering every loophole, every procedural delay, every regulatory maze.

> **"Governments change and Ministers rotate but files remain and Secretaries endure. If corruption were a university, politicians would be visiting professors. Bureaucrats are tenured professors. This perhaps explains why prosecuting a corrupt civil servant is such an exhausting exercise and bureaucrats have made sure it's a convoluted process."**

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If a bureaucrat has to go before charges can even be filed, approvals are required from departmental heads, vigilance authorities, personnel departments, vigilance commissions and appointing authorities.

Files travel through so many desks that by the time they reach the final signature, the accused has often retired comfortably with a pension.

Small wonder, corruption breeds confidence instead of fear.

Every year, lakhs of young Indians prepare for the Civil Services examination. Many undoubtedly dream of serving the nation, but for many, many more, the attraction is not public service but public power and the public's money.

Jawaharlal Nehru once said, *"Few things are more striking today in India than the progressive deterioration, moral and intellectual, of the higher services, especially the Indian Civil Service."*

Then, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel disagreed. He famously described the Civil Services as the *"steel frame of India"* and that it was an institution that would hold together a fragile young nation.

At that moment in history, Patel was right. India needed a disciplined administrative machinery. But steel, if neglected, rusts and today, that steel frame has rusted and is corroding the nation.

This is not to suggest every civil servant is corrupt. But the honest officer has become the exception. That should worry us.

Until corruption becomes socially embarrassing again, until illicit wealth attracts disgrace from the public instead of admiration and unless we socially boycott corrupt officials and their families, no law, no vigilance commission and no anti-corruption bureau will be enough.

Because corruption survives not merely on greed. It survives on social acceptance.

Only when society stops applauding stolen wealth and jail becomes more likely than promotion will our Civil Services become worthy of their name, but...

Until then, India's Civil Services will continue to suffer from a simple but devastating problem, which is, they shall remain decidedly… uncivil.

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TVK leaders, CNNL team offer prayers at Talacauvery for rain

Kushalnagar, June 27 (AG& BCT)- Functionaries of the Thanjavur South District Unit of the Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK) offered special *puja, homa* and a *yajna* at Talacauvery, the birthplace of the River Cauvery in Kodagu district, on Thursday, praying for abundant rainfall and improved inflows into the river.

The TVK, led by actor-politician C. Joseph Vijay, organised the rituals by engaging local priests and sought divine blessings for widespread rainfall across the Cauvery basin during the southwest monsoon.

Talacauvery, nestled in the Brahmagiri Hills, is a revered pilgrimage centre where the Cauvery originates. Devotees traditionally take a holy dip at the sacred site, while farmers and devotees from Kodagu, Mysuru and Mandya districts offer prayers to Goddess Cauvery before the commencement of the agricultural season. According to Madhan, District Secretary of the TVK's Thanjavur South Unit, the devotees regarded it as an auspicious sign when rain began just as the rituals concluded.

"As our prayers came to an end, the skies opened up at Talacauvery. It brought immense joy to all of us," he told the media in Tamil Nadu.

Leaders from Thanjavur South District Unit of the TVK offering special puja at Talacauvery in Kodagu on Thursday.

A team from the Cauvery Neeravari Nigama Limited (Harangi Dam) after the rituals at Talacauvery.

Meanwhile, a team from the Cauvery Neeravari Nigama Limited (Harangi Dam) also performed special *puja* at Talacauvery on Thursday, seeking bountiful rainfall. The team first offered prayers at the Sri Bhagandeshwaraswamy Temple in Bhagamandala, before proceeding to Talacauvery, where special rituals were held at the Holy *Kundike*.

The team comprised Superintending Engineer (SE) Satish, Assistant Executive Engineers (AEEs) Puttaswamy & Gokul, Assistant Engineer (AE) Kiran and Technical Assistant Kaviprasad.

The prayers assume significance as the Cauvery catchment areas in both Karnataka and Tamil Nadu have received significantly below-normal rainfall during the ongoing southwest monsoon.

Admission for BVA course

Mysuru, June 27- The Chamarajendra Government College of Visual Arts (CAVA) has invited applications from eligible PUC passed students for admission to 4-year BVA (Bachelor of Visual Arts) course as per State Education Policy.

The subjects include Painting, Sculpture, Graphics, Applied Arts, Art History, Photography and Photojournalism. The admission will be based on an eligibility test followed by an interview to be held on July 6. Interested students can apply online (along with late fee) through the UUCMS portal - *https://uucms.karnataka.gov.in*. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2438931.

Lamp posts

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Despite K.R. Circle's prominence, the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC), which is responsible for its upkeep, has yet to carry out the necessary repairs.

When contacted by *Star of Mysore* this morning, MCC Executive Engineer (Electrical) A.E. Deepak said a team would be deputed to undertake the repair works. He assured that the damaged lamp shades and electrical fittings would be restored at the earliest.

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Malabar unveils 'NUWA' Diamond Collections

Malabar Gold & Diamonds unveiled 'NUWA' Natural Diamond Collections at its showroom located near Sub-Urban Bus Stand on B.N. Road, Mysuru, in the presence of esteemed guests Kulsum, Preethi, Manasa and Saba, Assistant Store Head Muhammed Anshaj, Store Manager Suresh and team members.

Mysuru, June 27- Malabar Gold & Diamonds has unveiled 'NUWA,' a new Natural Diamond Jewellery Collections inspired by the intricate patterns, textures and subtle details found in nature.

'NUWA' draws inspiration from intricate details that often go unnoticed, from the striking rhythm of stripes and honeycombs to the fluid formations and organic patterns shaped by earth itself.

As part of the Collection, acclaimed actress Kareena Kapoor Khan continues as the face of 'NUWA.' Known for her effortless elegance, confidence and enduring appeal, she perfectly reflects the Collections' celebration of individuality, modern femininity, and timeless sophistication.

Commenting on the launch, M.P. Ahammad, Chairman, Malabar Group, said, "At the heart of this Collection is an appreciation for pattern play - the intricate textures, formations and details that quietly shape the world around us. With 'NUWA' we wanted to translate that beauty into a contemporary diamond collection that feels sophisticated, versatile and relevant to today's woman. Every piece reflects a balance between intricate craftsmanship and effortless elegance, creating jewellery that can be worn and appreciated across occasions and generations."

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Vidu. S. Surabhi to sing at Ganabharathi tomorrow

Mysuru, June 27- Ganabharathi has organised a vocal recital by the USA-based artiste, Vidu. S. Surabhi, at Ganabharathi auditorium in Kuvempunagar tomorrow (June 28) at 6 pm.

She will be accompanied by Vid. Karthikeya on violin and Vid. B.J. Srinivas on mridanga.

Vidu. Surabhi

Vid. Karthikeya

Vid. Srinivas

Artistes' profile

Vidu. S. Surabhi has learned music continuously for 13 years under her guru a vocalist and a violinist Vidu. Tara Anand. She has also trained under Vid. K.U. Jayachandra Rao and Vid. Pattabhirama Pandit. She has won many awards in 'Indian Raga' contests. As a saxophone player in Western music, she performs in the Grots Hill Wind Ensemble. She is a first-year engineering student at Purdue University.

Vid. Karthikeya has practiced the violin for thirteen years under his maternal uncle, Hosahalli K. Subbarao (a disciple of Vid. Lalgudi Jayaraman). Later, he continued his studies in Bengaluru under Vid. H.V. Raghuram. He has received scholarship from Karnataka Sangeetha Nritya Academy and bagged awards in many competitions. He has performed on famous stages such as Gayana Samaja, Fort High School and Chowdiah Memorial Hall.

Vid. B.J. Srinivas is practicing the mridanga under renowned gurus Bengaluru Praveen, Vid. T.S. Chandrashekar and currently under Vid. H.S. Sudhindra. He is an 'Aakashvani' (All India Radio) 'B-High' graded artiste. He is an awardee of Ananda Dhwani and Gayana Samaja. He has been conferred with 'Swara Visharada' title by Tiruchi Sabha.

Vocal concert at Mysore Vasudevacharya's house

Vidu. Kamala

Vid. Sathyanarayana

Vid. Gurumurthy

Mysuru, June 27- Vidu. H.N. Kamala Murthy, a senior musician and teacher from Bengaluru, will be presenting a vocal concert at the former residence of Mysore Vasudevacharya in city tomorrow (June 28).

She will be accompanied by Vid. M.N. Sathyanarayana on violin and Vid. N. Gurumurthy on mridanga. The concert, starting at 10.30 am, is open to all music enthusiasts.

Profiles

Vidu. Kamala has learnt Karnatak music under Vidu. Hemalatha Sampath and under the renowned vocalist Vidu. R.A. Ramamani. She has also been trained in Hindusthani by Pandit Ganapathi Hegade of Yellapur. She has been performing concerts across Karnataka and has presented many thematic concerts, particularly on the compositions of Mysore Composers. She has successfully accomplished a project on preparation of syllabus for Karnatak Classical Music for 'Dhruva Arts Foundation,' London and a project on Haridasa's compositions 'Dasaru Kanda Krishna.' She has been imparting vocal training to students at all levels.

Vid. Sathyanarayana, a disciple of Vid. S.V. Ananth of Bengaluru, has been performing violin solo concerts and accompanying senior artistes, for over a decade in sabhas and temples across Karnataka and Andhra.

Vid. Gurumurthy, trained under the senior performing mridangist Vid. C. Cheluvaraju, is an A-grade Ghata artiste of Akashvani. He has a concert experience of about two decades, accompanying performers at all levels.

Moonlight concert at Suttur Mutt

Vid. Siddhartha

Vid. Karthik

Vid. Giridhar

Vid. Arunkumar

Vid. Varun

Mysuru, June 27 (VNS) - The 293rd edition of moonlight music concert will be held at Suttur Mutt in city on June 29 at 6 pm. Vid. Siddhartha Belmannu will present a vocal concert in the presence of Suttur Mutt Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji.

Siddhartha Belmannu, a native of Karkala in Udupi, was born in 1996. Noticing his interest in music, Siddhartha's parents taught him music at primary level. Later, he learnt Hindustani music from P.R. Manjunath and started giving concerts at a young age. He also learnt under *Gayanacharya* Gururao Deshpande and Pt. Bhimsen Joshi in gurukula system. Following this, he continued to learn from Pt. Vinayak Torvi of Gwalior and Kirana Gharana.

He will be accompanied by Vid. Mysuru N. Karthik on violin, Vid. Giridhar Udupa on ghata, Vid. B.S. Arunkumar on drums and Vid. Varun Pradeep on keyboard.

'Sahitya Chavadi' event at Suruchi Rangamane

Vikram Hatwar

Mysuru, June 27- As part of its 'Sahitya Chavadi' programme, Kalasuruchi has organised an interaction on 'Vikram Hatwar's stories and poems' at Suruchi Rangamane in Kuvempunagar tomorrow (June 28) at 10.30 am.

Kusuma Ayarahalli and Sindhu Rao will take part in the event.

Vikram Hatwar was born in 1982 in a small village called Bijadi in Kundapur taluk. He lived his life in the streets of Shivajinagar, in the rhythm of the Yakshagana chants on the coast, in the lap of the Tunga of Tirthahalli and has travelled to Bengaluru, Kushalnagar, Thiruvananthapuram, Mumbai, New York and London.

He is a Software Engineer by profession.

Poetry collection: *This is what poetry should be like; Akshi said the tree!; Metro Zen; A still bird stirred;* **Story collection:** *Zero and one; Our Bajaj; Crow Master;* **Essay collection:** *Nee Mayeyologo...; What I have read and seen.*

Interested in cultural thought, criticism, philosophy, music, and cinema, he has lectured at many conferences. He has written stories, screenplays and dialogues for Kannada films. He is engaged in book publishing through 'Prakriti' Publications.

He has received the Yuva Puraskar from the Central Sahitya Academy for his collection of stories 'Zero and One'. He has been honoured with the 'Aralu Sahitya' award by the Kannada Sahitya Parishat.

Cultural organisers meet on June 29

Mysuru, June 27 (GA&DM)- The Karnataka Ranga Parishat Kendra Samiti will be hosting a one-day Mysuru Zone cultural organisers meet at Kiru Rangamandira in Kalamandira premises on June 29 at 10.30 am.

Sanchalana Mysuru President Deepak said that Mandya's Karnataka Sangha President Prof. Jayaprakash Gowda will inaugurate the meet, while Abhiyantararu theatre group President H.S. Suresh Babu will preside. Senior theatre personality Rajashekar Kadamba, Kannada and Culture Department Joint Director V.N. Mallikarjunaswamy, CAVA Administrative Officer Nirmala Mathapathi and Nrityagiri Founder Dr. Kripa Phadke will be the chief guests.

A seminar on the topic 'The role of cultural associations and organisations in the implementation of cultural policy' will be held under the Chairmanship of actor Mandya Ramesh. The meet will demand the State Government for implementation of cultural policy framed by writer Baragur Ramachandrappa-headed committee, Deepak said. Theatre personalities Rajashekar Kadamba, Samsa Suresh and Suresh Babu were present at the press meet.

State-level Yoga conference tomorrow

Mysuru, June 27- The Karnataka Yoga Teachers Federation will be hosting the third State-level Yoga conference at Sarada Vilas Centenary Hall in Krishnamurthypuram at 9.30 am tomorrow.

Conference Working President Dr. S.P. Yoganna said that Pathanjali Yoga School Founder B.N.S. Iyengar will be the Conference Chairman. University of Mysore Vice-Chancellor Prof. N.K. Lokanath will inaugurate the conference in the presence of Ramakrishna Ashram's Swami Sarvajayanandaji. Veda Vignana Shodha Samsthanam President Prof. Ramachandra G. Bhat will preside, he said.

MLA T.S. Srivatsa will release Sanskrit scholar K. Leela Prakash's work 'Samskara Vahini', while District Kannada Sahitya Parishat President Maddikere Gopal will release the souvenir 'Yogasamhita Savisanchike'. The event will feature lecture sessions. The valedictory will take place at 5.30 pm in the presence of Bebi Mutt Seer Trinetra Mahanta Shivayogi Swamiji. Also, Yoga achievers will be felicitated.

N. Ananth, B.P. Murthy, T. Jalendra Kumar, Yoga Kumar, Madegowda and H.N. Shylaja were present at the press meet.

Jagannath Rath Yatra in city

Mysuru, June 27 (GA&DM)- The Jagannath Rath Yatra and annual programmes will take place at Puri Jagannath Temple on Vidyaranyapuram Main Road, Mysuru, under the aegis of Puri Jagannath Cultural and Welfare Trust from June 29 to Aug. 4.

Managing Trustee Ghanshyam Pradhan said the Rath Yatra will be taken out on the main thoroughfares of Vidyaranyapuram on July 16 at 1.30 pm.

MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar, MLA T.S. Srivatsa and Goshala Managing Trustee Vishal Sharma will take part, he said adding that special programmes will be organised on specified dates.

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Lake Festival celebrates nature, heritage

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There were also displays highlighting the history of the 25-km-long Purnaiah Canal, the biodiversity of Kukkarahalli Lake, its tree cover and birdlife.

More than 100 people, including 70 pre-registered participants, took part in the bird-watching programme. They were divided into five groups led by bird experts, including Saptha Girish, S.S. Sunil, Kashyap and Sahana, who explained the lake's rich avian diversity.

The two-day festival, held at the lake premises, is organised by Water Forum Mysuru in association with the Mysore School of Architecture, Aranya Outreach, Bengaluru Sustainability Forum, District Legal Services Authority, Parisarakkagi Naavu, Forests by Heartfulness and the University of Mysore.

Sewage inflow, encroachment

Addressing participants, wetland expert and water conservationist Prof. U.N. Ravikumar expressed concern over the deteriorating condition of Kukkarahalli Lake. He said, sewage inflow and encroachments along the Purnaiah Canal have disrupted the natural flow of rainwater into the lake, affecting its ecological balance.

He also highlighted the importance of conserving the lake's island, native trees and bird habitats, noting that migratory birds have declined over the years due to habitat degradation.

Tree expert Shreesha explained the ecological significance of the tree species around the lake, while photographer S. Shailajesha guided visitors through the nature and biodiversity exhibition.

Uniqueness of canal

Speaking to reporters, Dr. H.S. Champa, Dean and Director of the Mysore School of Architecture, said that the 25-km-long Purnaiah Canal remains one of Mysuru's unique natural stormwater channels and deserves immediate protection.

She said, surveys indicate that nearly 10,000 saplings can be planted along the surviving stretches of the canal. Clearing encroachments and restoring the canal would not only improve rainwater flow into Kukkarahalli Lake but also enhance groundwater recharge and help lower local temperatures.

"The greenery around Kukkarahalli Lake creates a noticeably cooler environment compared to the surrounding city. Because the water flowing down the Purnaiah Canal percolates into the ground at various points, it cools down the surrounding environment as well. Protecting the canal and its natural landscape is essential for sustaining this microclimate," she said.

As part of the festival, organisers launched a signature campaign seeking conservation of the Purnaiah Canal and Kukkarahalli Lake. The memorandum, along with public signatures, will be submitted to the Chief Minister. Awareness activities, including illustrated stories for schoolchildren, a canal walk and a treasure hunt based on the canal's history, have also been planned as part of the festival.

The Kukkarahalli Lake Festival, featuring Expo, Bird Watch and Tree Watch activities, will be held in morning and evening sessions — 6.30 am to 9.30 am and 4 pm to 6 pm today and tomorrow (June 27 and 28).

Lingambudhi Lake

To introduce nature's beauty and serenity of Lingambudhi Lake in city, the Forest Department, in association with Spandana Rameshwar Art Gallery, Mysuru and *Inidani Manna Makkala Honna Padagala Balaga*, Mysuru, has organised Lingambudhi Lake Festival tomorrow (June 28).

As part of the event, a Photography contest on Lingambudhi Biodiversity has been organised from 6 am to 10 am.

Subsequently, DCF Paramesh will formally inaugurate the Festival in the lake premises at 10 am followed by a lecture session.

Later, a tour on Lingambudhi Lake's biodiversity will take place from 12 noon to 4 pm. Journalist Iythichanda Ramesh Uthappa will deliver valedictory address at 4 pm.

Procession marks Kempegowda Jayanti

Tiger dancers performing an acrobat at the Mysore Palace North Gate, during the procession organised as part of 517th Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Jayanti celebrations in city this morning. Picture right shows the procession of cultural troupes and tableaux.

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Nearly 20 cultural troupes accompanied the procession, showcasing a variety of traditional folk art forms, including *Narasimha Vesha, Mahishasura Vesha, Karaga, Dollu Kunita, Mahila Veeragase, Pattada Kunita, Lingadheera Kunita, Nandi Dhwaja*, Madikeri *Chende*, Udupi *Pili Nritya* (Tiger Dance) and the Police Band. The Mounted Police contingent on horseback lent a regal touch to the event.

Two traditional bullock carts, symbolising Karnataka's agrarian heritage, also took part in the procession.

The procession passed through Chamaraja Wadiyar Circle, Albert Victor Road, K.R. Circle, D. Devaraj Urs Road, JLB Road, Field Marshal Cariappa Circle and Vinoba Road before culminating at Kalamandira, where the official Jayanti programme was held.

Among those who took part in the programme were Krishnaraja MLA T.S. Srivatsa, former MLAs M.K. Somashekar and L. Nagendra, former Mysuru-Kodagu MP Prathap Simha, Mysuru District Congress President Dr. B.J. Vijaykumar, State Vokkaliga Sangha General Secretary C.G. Gangadhar, former Mayors R. Lingappa and Sandesh Swamy, Kempegowda Jayantotsava Committee President P. Prashanth Gowda, former MUDA Member Lakshmidevi and several other leaders.

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WORD OF THE DAY

Saturnine

Pronunciation: SAT-er-nyne (adjective).
Meaning: Saturnine is a literary word that typically describes people who are glum and grumpy, or things that suggest or express gloom. It can also mean "slow to act or change."
Origin: Saturnine is far — even astronomically far — from the cheeriest of words. It has a long history of describing the glum and grouchy among us, and comes ultimately from Sāturnus, name of the Roman god of agriculture, who was often depicted as a bent old man with a stern, sluggish and sullen nature. Saturn, the ringed gas giant that is one of five planets visible to the naked eye, is of course the namesake of Sāturnus, and Saturn does indeed seem to dawdle; it requires over 29 of our Earth years to orbit the sun. The ancient Romans (like some astrologers today) believed those who are born when Saturn is rising in the sky tend toward being a Gloomy Gus or Debbie Downer. We don't know A. A. Milne's take on the influence of Saturn, but his gloomy, cynical gray donkey Eeyore is famously saturnine, a fact Eeyore himself would surely stoically accept as true if it were pointed out to him.
Example: "If he was once more cautious in interviews, coming across as a little saturnine, he's looser now, illuminated by flashes of wry humour." — Patrick Smith, The Independent (United Kingdom), 1 Feb. 2026.

THE ODD WORD

Saeculum

Astronomical or geological age.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Shoot through

Meaning: To abscond or depart quickly.
Origin: Bondi trams seem to be the favourite vehicle that Australians say 'shoot through'. This expression is commonplace in Australia and New Zealand and is becoming more used elsewhere due to the influence of Australian soap-operas like Neighbours and Home and Away.
The first record one can find of it in print is a definition in the Australian pin-up magazine Pix, which was published in Sydney in September 1947 by Associated Newspapers Limited:
"Shoot through, escape, abscond."
For a popular magazine to have felt the need to define the expression it couldn't have been very old at that date.

QUOTE BOX

Shooting is 99 per cent luck and one per cent training. **—Abhinav Bindra**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

HAMLET FIRE

Answer: Nothing play with fire.

SUDOKU

	3		2					
	2	8			4	6	1	
	1							9
	5		4	7				
			1		8			
				3	9		2	
8							6	
	7	1	6			3	5	
					1		7	

Answer to previous puzzle

9	1	2	6	3	5	8	4	7
7	6	8	4	9	2	1	3	5
3	4	5	7	8	1	2	9	6
5	8	4	3	6	7	9	1	2
6	3	7	1	2	9	5	8	4
1	2	9	5	4	8	7	6	3
2	5	3	9	1	6	4	7	8
4	7	1	8	5	3	6	2	9
8	9	6	2	7	4	3	5	1

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

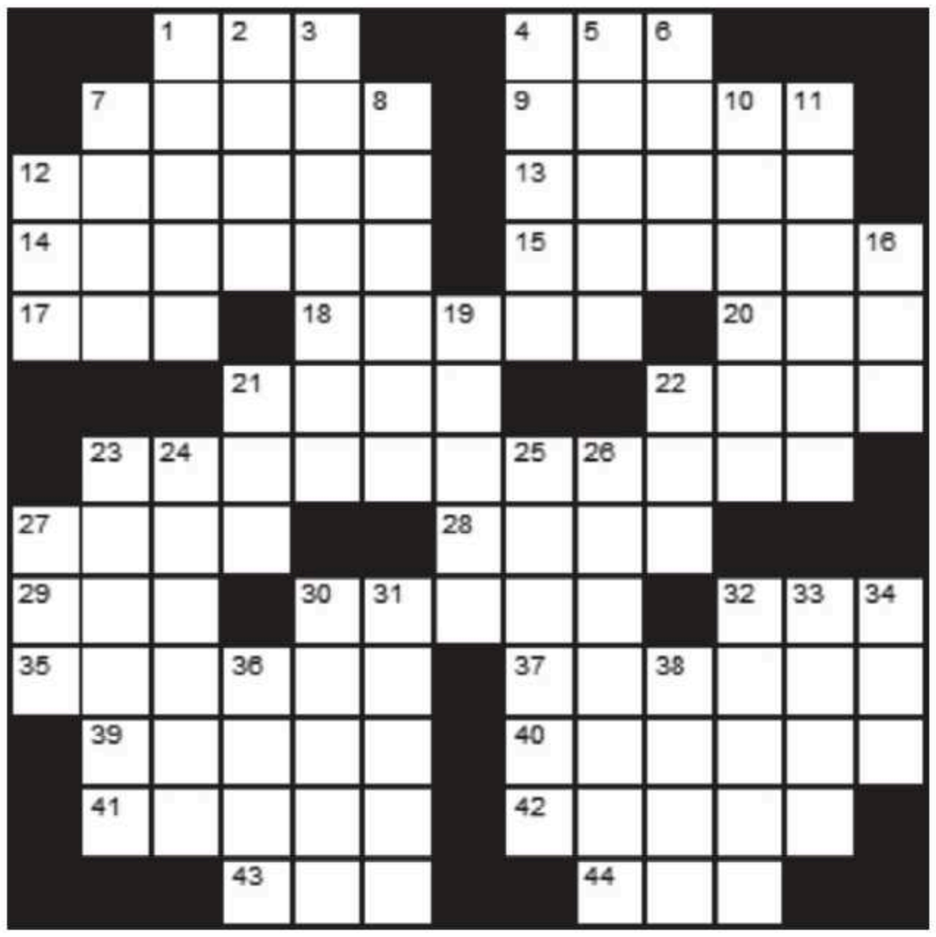
CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Singing syllable
4 Flat-crowned hat
7 Supply new weapons
9 Ascorbic and citric
12 A potted shrub that has been dwarfed
13 Precipitous or excessive?
14 Silvery white metal
15 They are responsible for harmonizing pianos
17 Girl's name
18 Woolly mammal
20 Baked dish
21 Vendetta
22 Madhuri ___, nee Dixit
23 Agreement or layout
27 Entreat or beg
28 Leave
29 Information, in short?
30 "Solly" anagram for a disinfectant
32 A kind of poem
35 Type of confection
37 Simplest semiconductors
39 South American animal
40 Says or pronounces
41 Furnishing scheme
42 Delay action about, colloquially speaking? (3,2)
43 Abstract being - "sen" anagram?
44 Activity on Node, abbr.

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

A	N	T	A	■	D	E	E	R	■	B	A	S
T	A	O	S	■	R	A	S	H	■	L	I	N
E	T	A	T	■	A	T	T	I	T	U	D	E
■	I	N	L	A	W	■	■	N	U	R	S	E
L	O	D	E	S	■	■	S	O	L	■	■	■
I	N	F	■	I	S	L	E	■	U	S	S	R
M	A	R	■	S	O	L	V	E	■	U	T	E
B	L	O	C	■	S	M	E	E	■	B	R	A
■	■	■	E	C	O	■	■	N	E	P	A	L
T	E	S	L	A	■	■	N	Y	L	O	N	■
O	P	U	L	E	N	C	E	■	B	E	D	S
R	E	E	■	C	A	S	H	■	O	N	E	S
N	E	Z	■	A	L	T	A	■	W	A	D	E

DOWN
1 Welsh resort - "by ten" anagram?
2 Tabula ____ : clean slate
3 Asian body of water (4,3)
4 Flavour-determining sense
5 Behave badly (3,2)
6 Bearing
7 A chamber
8 Mr. Chakraborty of Bollywood
10 Make more profound?
11 Run fast over short distances
12 Boeing Commercial Airplanes
16 We ___ with our eyes?
19 Rims or borders
21 Cook in oil
22 Meshed fabric
23 Mr Schwarzenegger of Hollywood
24 Fund-raising ticket sale?
25 Departure in the Bible
26 Citizen army
27 __ stop: stop during a car trip
30 Citric fruit
31 A very long time
32 Concert hall
33 Laura of "Jurassic Park"
34 The letter "S"
36 Confront
38 Palindromic boy



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

S ZNYMVSOM ZSM VBOLW VN JOAL IOVK VKL

QNYMVBD OMWVLSP NE SXSOMWV OV.

TODAY'S CLUE: V EQUALS T

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Times of luxury do not last long, but pass away very quickly; nothing in this world can be long enjoyed.

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	(S-4)	4 pm, 7.15 pm, 10.30 pm
Balaramana Dinagalu (K)	(S-1)	1.30 pm, 9.50 pm
Supergirl (E-3D)	(S-1)	4.30 pm
	(S-2)	10.45 am, 7.35 pm
Moda Kavida Vatavarana (K)	(S-1)	7 pm
Con City (Ta)	(S-2)	1.20 pm
Maa Inti Bangaaram (Te)	(S-2)	4.25 pm, 10.15 pm; (S-3) 7.05 pm
Obsession (E)	(S-3)	10.40 am
Angikaaram (Ta)	(S-3)	1.05 pm
Cocktail 2 (H)	(S-3)	4 pm
	(S-4)	10 am, 1 pm
Ananthankaadu (Ma)	(S-3)	10.15 pm

MOVIES AT MYSURU VISION CINEMAS Ph: 2973519

Balaramana Dinagalu (K)	:	10:15 am, 1.05 pm, 3.55 pm, 6.50 pm
Welcome To The Jungle (H)	:	10.45 am, 12.30 pm
		6.35 pm, 9.30 pm
Moda Kavida Vaathavarana (K)	:	11 am, 1.20 pm
Maa Inti Bangaaram (Te)	:	1.55 pm, 6.30 pm
Cocktail 2 (H)	:	3.40 pm, 9.45 pm
Con City (Ta)	:	3.45 pm, 9.30 pm
Balan: The Boy (K)	:	6.40 pm
Heartin (Ta)	:	9.45 pm

MOVIES AT NEXUS MALL

Welcome To The Jungle (H)	:	8.50 am, 10.30 am, 12.15 pm
		3.40 pm, 7.05 pm, 10.30 pm
Cocktail 2 (H)	:	9.10 am, 12.20 pm, 1.55 pm
		3.30 pm, 6.40 pm, 9.50 pm
Maa Inti Bangaaram (Te)	:	10 am, 7 pm
Supergirl (E-3D)	:	10 am, 2.50 pm, 5.15 pm, 10 pm
Balaramana Binagalu (K)	:	10.25 am, 3.50 pm, 9.30 pm
Obsession (E)	:	12.20 pm, 4.35 pm
Main Vaapas Aunga (H)	:	1.10 pm, 10.10 pm
Moda Kavida Vaathavarana (K)	:	1.15 pm, 6.55 pm
Con City (Ta)	:	5 pm
Toy Story 5 (E-3D)	:	7.40 pm
The Voice of Hind Rajab (Hebrew)	:	8.10 pm
Ananthan Kaadu (Ma)	:	10.20 pm

MOVIES AT GARUDA MALL

Welcome To The Jungle (H)	:	8.50 am, 12.15 pm, 3.40 pm
		7.05 pm, 10.30 pm
Balaramana Dinagalu (K)	:	9.55 am, 12.50 pm, 7.05 pm
Cocktail 2 (H)	:	9.55 am, 3.55 pm, 10.20 pm
Supergirl (E-3D)	:	10.05 am, 12.30 pm, 5.30 pm, 7.55 pm
Maa Inti Bangaaram (Te)	:	1.05 pm
Moda Kavida Vaathavarana (K)	:	2.55 pm, 7.25 pm
Con City (Ta)	:	4.15 pm
Angikaaram (Ta)	:	10 pm
Peddi (K)	:	10.10 pm

EVENTS TODAY (JUNE 27)

- **Kukkarahalli Lake Festival:** *Kukkarahalli Kere Habba* - Protecting Wetlands for our Common Future, Exhibition, Bird Watch and Tree Watch activities, Pavilion inside Kukkarahalli Lake (Railway Gate entrance), **4 pm to 6 pm.** [Mob: 99452-98550 or 98860-85361]
- **Kalasuruchi:** 'Kathe Kelona Banni -938,' story-telling by Honnamma, BIERT, BRC Office, Mysuru North, Mysuru, Suruchi Rangamane, Kuvempunagar, **4.30 pm to 5.30 pm.**
- **Mysore District Amateur Theatre Artistes Forum:** Interaction programme, University Folklore Museum Curator U.S. Ramanna guest, Sriranga auditorium, Rangayana premises, **6 pm.**
- **Team SAALIGA and Mysore Nature:** Dr. A.P.C. Abhijith delivers a special talk titled 'The Builders of Soil,' Indraprastha Homoeo Clinic, D-Block, 10th Main, J.P. Nagar, **6 pm.**
- **Karnataka Ekikarana Trust:** Staging of one-woman show 'Akka Nagale' by Dr. B.S. Divya, directed by Dr. Sujatha Akki, Arasikere Yogananda Assistant Director, Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **6 pm.**
- **Sri Ramakrishna Ashram, Mysuru:** Swami Ishtanathanandaji speaks on 'Kaivalyopanishad' in English, Ashram premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**
- **The Indian Institute of Educational Theatre (IIET):** Unique solo poetry-theatre performance titled 'Hakki Mattu Avalu' by Kavya Hande, directed by Dr. Shripada Bhat, IIET premises, Hardwicke School Campus, **6 pm.**
- **Sri Thyagaraja Sangeetha Sabha Charitable Trust, Mysuru:** Karnatak classical vocal concert by Vid. Ramani Shankar, accompanied by Vidu. K. Mahathee on violin, Vid. A. Radhesh on mridanga and Vid. S. Manjunath on ghata, Sri Rama Mandira, Jayanagar, **6 pm.**
- **Experience Mysuru:** Staging of play 'Kaniveya Haadu,' originally written by Athol Fugard, translated into Kannada by Dr. Meera Murthy, music by Anush Shetty and Munna Mysore, directed by Dr. Sripada Bhat, performance by Megha Sameera and Disha Ramesh, Natana Rangashaale premises, Ramakrishnanagar, **6.30 pm to 8 pm.**
- **Sri Veeranjaneyaswamy Devasthana Trust, Hanumanthanagar, Bannimantap C-Layout, Mysuru:** Garudagambha (Deepastambha) Pratishtapana, Sugama Sangeetha programme by Rajeshwari, Temple premises, **7 pm.**
- **Avadhoota Datta Peetham:** 4k Projection Mapping on 45-ft tall Karya Siddhi Hanuman statue, Sri Ganapathy Sachidananda (SGS) Ashram, Dattanagar, Nanjangud Road, **(3 Shows) 7.10 pm, 7.40 pm and 8.10 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (JUNE 28)

- **Forest Department, Spandana Rameshwar Art Gallery, Mysuru and Inidani Manna Makkala Honna Padagala Balaga, Mysuru:** 'Lingambudhi Kere Prakruti Jagruti Habba' (Lingambudhi Lake Festival), Photography contest on Lingambudhi Biodiversity, **6 am to 10 am;** DCF Paramesh inaugurates the Festival, Karnataka State Higher Education Council (KSHEC) Vice-Chairman Prof. S.R. Niranjana, ACF Girish & *Nammane* Construction Corporation Managing Director P. Srinivas chief guests, University of Mysore's (UoM) Department of Studies (DoS) in Organic Chemistry Chairman Dr. Basappa presides, **10 am;** Lecture session, **11 am;** Tour on Lingambudhi Lake's biodiversity, **12 noon to 4 pm;** Valedictory, Journalist Iythichanda Ramesh Uthappa delivers valedictory address, Senior Advocate & 'Law Guide' Editor H.N. Venkatesh presides, Lingambudhi Lake, Ramakrishnanagar, **4 pm.** [Mob: 96111-65367 or 73381-58733]
- **Kukkarahalli Lake Festival:** *Kukkarahalli Kere Habba* - Protecting Wetlands for our Common Future, Exhibition, Bird Watch and Tree Watch activities, Pavilion inside Kukkarahalli Lake (Railway Gate entrance), **6.30 am to 9.30 am and 4 pm to 6 pm.** [Mob: 99452-98550 or 98860-85361]
- **Mysore Open Forum (MOF):** Talk on 'Positive Health - How to be physically and mentally fit' by Dr. C.R. Chandrashekar, a People's Psychiatrist, Kalpa Kshetra Auditorium, #581/1, Vijayanagar 4th Stage, 1st Phase, **10.30 am.** [Mob: 94498-19536].
- **Rangavahini, Chamarajanagar, Nele-Hinnele, Mysuru, Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Trust:** Mullur Nagaraja State-level 15th Annual Poetry Award Presentation Ceremony and Rajashekar Koti Memorial Programme, senior poet Prof. S.G. Siddaramaiah inaugurates, senior poet Subbu Holeyar, CCB (Bengaluru) ACP H.K. Mahananda presents award to S. Manjunath of Bengaluru Urban, Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **10.30 am.**
- **Team SAALIGA and Mysore Nature:** Monthly Nature Walk to observe soil-building organisms in their natural habitat. Subedar Lake, Kalalavadi, **7 am.** [Mob: 94804-68772 or 99863-91981]
- **Builders' Association of India (BAI), Mysuru:** MyGreen Exhibition, Nanjaraja Bahadur Choultry, **10 am to 9 pm.**
- **Jagannatha Centre for Art and Culture (JCAC):** Drama Club Free Demo Class for children in the age group of 6-15 years, JCAC, Vijayanagar, **11 am to 12.30 pm.** [Mob: 78990-33303]
- **Kumar Performing Arts Centre (KPAC), Mysuru:** 73rd International Nirantara Kalemane Festival, Kishore Kadam, ex-Naik, Indian Army, chief guest; Bharatanatyam by Vidu. Smruti Ramesh Kaushik, Founder and Director of Vismaya School of Learning, Mysuru and her disciples; Vid. Alex Raphael, Founder and Director of Daivakala Gruham Art House, Bengaluru and his disciples; Sakshi Ashok and group, senior students of Vid. Mithun Shyam, Founder and Director of Vaishnavi Natyashala, Bengaluru, Kalemane Sabhaangana, Hebbal, **3 pm.**
- **Sri Ramakrishna Ashram, Mysuru:** Swami Sarvajayanandaji speaks on 'Sri Sri Ramakrishna Charite' in Kannada, Ashram premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**
- **Raaga Vaibhava Charitable Trust:** Hindustani Vocal Recital by Dr. Sangeetha Katti Kulkarni, accompanied by Pt. Rajendra Nakod on tabla and Pt. Satish Kolli on harmonium, Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, **6 pm.**
- **Karnataka Ekikarana Trust:** Staging of one-woman show 'Aghale' by Dr. Suma Ravikumar, directed by Dr. Sujatha Akki, Arasikere Yogananda Assistant Director, Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **6 pm.**
- **Rangayana, Mysuru:** Staging of play 'Agni mattu Male,' written by Girish Kamad, directed by Saliyana Umesh Narayana, Vanaranga, Rangayana premises, **6.30 pm.**

MOVIES AT MALL OF MYSORE

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		7.05 pm, 10.30 pm
Balaramana Dinagalu (K)	:	9.30 am, 3.45 pm, 10 pm
Cocktail 2 (H)	:	9.35 am, 3.50 pm, 6.50 pm
Moda Kavida Vaathavarana (K)	:	10 am, 7.45 pm
Supergirl (E-3D)	:	12.30 pm, 5.20 pm, 10.20 pm
Maa Inti Bangaaram (Te)	:	12.35 pm, 10.10 pm
Con City (Ta)	:	12.40 pm
Obsession (E)	:	2.55 pm
Angikaaram (Ta)	:	7 pm

MOVIES AT CENTRO MALL

Supergirl (E-3D)	:	9.40 am, 12.05 pm, 5.40 pm, 8.05 pm
Balaramana Dinagalu (K)	:	10.05 am,, 7.15 pm
Welcome To The Jungle (H)	:	11.15 am, 2.40 pm, 6.05 pm, 9.30 pm
Rakshaka 2 (K)	:	11.35 am
Angikaaram (Ta)	:	1.10 pm
Raithara Makkalige Hennu Kodi (K)	:	2.05 pm
Cocktail 2 (H)	:	2.30 pm, 10.30 pm
Uyir (Ma)	:	4.20 pm
Ambaragudda (K)	:	5 pm
Garuda (K)	:	7.30 pm
Ananthan Kaadu (Ma)	:	10.20 pm
Con City (Ta)	:	10.20 pm

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